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Profit of the Kerala Soap Factory.

* 547 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) what was the net profit of the Kerala Soap Factory in each of the last four years;

(*b*) how many workers were retrenched in the last four years; and

(*c*) in which year did the Government give a grant of Rs. 1,00,000 to Techno Chemicals, Limited, Kozhikode, which was competing with Government Soap Factory?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The net profit of the Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode, in each of the last four years is as follows :—

Year.	Net profits.
	RS.
1948–49	1,44,988
1949–50	78,895
1950–51	31,915
1951–52	53,074

" (*b*) Fifty-two workers were retrenched in the last four years.

" (*c*) The amount was sanctioned in 1949 but was disbursed on 29th April 1950."

Gasson Police Benevolent Fund.

* 548 *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the total amount of Godson's Fund (collected from police constables) available with Government now;

(*b*) how much amount was spent during last year;

(*c*) whether the Government will place a copy of the rules governing the purposes and utility of the fund; and

(*d*) whether the Government have contributed anything to this fund?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) There is no fund for Police constables in the Police department known as ' Godson's Fund ', but there is a fund called ' Gasson Police Benevolent Fund '. This is a non-Government fund catering to the needs of the constabulary, etc., in the Police department. A total amount of Rs. 1,36,809–12–5 was collected for this fund up to 31st December 1952.

" (*b*) A sum of Rs. 9,982–8–0 was spent out of the Fund during 1952.